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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: Military Details for South Vietnam

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1. On 25 January 1966 I was in the office of Mr. Vance, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and his military aide, Colonel Abbott C. Greenleaf, spoke to me about the detail of 50 military officers to help man the rural development cadres in South Vietnam. He had the staffing papers on the problem from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Mr. Alain Enthoven, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Systems Analysis). Both of these said that the 50 positions involved should be applied against the established CIA requirements for military personnel. The Enthoven memorandum stated this to be ☐ military officers, but Colonel Greenleaf referred to a memorandum from Mr. Enthoven to the Director, dated 11 August 1966, concerning CIA military requirements, which stated that the fiscal year requirements would be ☐. In any case, Colonel Greenleaf felt that the Director might have understood that these 50 positions would be in addition to previously established requirements. Colonel Greenleaf felt we should get this point clarified at once, and I undertook to put in in the proper channels.

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2. Furthermore, he pointed out wording in the Enthoven paper which appeared to say that the Joint Chiefs of Staff could not allocate these 50 positions among the various services in advance and, therefore, it would be up to CIA to initiate requirements which would then be reviewed by the Joint Chiefs and approved by the Secretary of Defense. Colonel Greenleaf again felt this might be an undue burden on CIA and that the JCS should propose qualified officers and CIA would have the authority to reject them for cause.

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3. I said I would try to have an Agency position reported to them at the earliest opportunity. Since these matters are now in Secretary Vance's office for action, I believe we should act promptly.

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